(c) what is the latest position in the financial year 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) During 2004-05, the Ministry of Rural Development allocated a total amount of Rs. 1452.47 Crores and released an amount of Rs. 1885.50 Crores to the State of Bihar under Rural Development Programmes, excluding Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), which are not annual allocation based programmes. The funds allocated are released during the financial year itself and not carried forward to the next financial year and as such no funds remain to be released as on 1st April of 2004 and 2005.

(c) During 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 584.69 Crores has been released by the Ministry of Rural Development to the State of Bihar and as per the information received from State Government, till July, 2005, they have utilized Rs. 208.63 Crores.

Increasing cash component in NFFWP

1862. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has expressed his desire to increase the cash component in the National Food for Work Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many States are also demanding to increase the cash component from the present 50 per cent to 75 per cent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The NFFWP is an allocation based programme and a provision of Rs. 4500 crore under cash component and 50 lakh MTs of foodgrains have been made during 2005-06. The programme will soon be subsumed with National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) once the

NREG Bill is passed by the Parliament and thereafter will become demand driven from supply driven at present.

(c) and (d) The issue has been raised by some States in the regional review meetings especially by the States where FCI is not able to supply full quantity of allocated foodgrains in time like, Jharkhand, Bihar and all North-Eastern States.

Drinking water scheme projects

1863. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a number of potable drinking water scheme projects from various States/UTs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon with the amount sanctioned, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) Drinking water is a State subject. The Government of India, however, supplements the efforts of the States/UTs in providing drinking water facilities in the rural habitations by rendering financial assistance under a Centrally sponsored scheme, namely, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The financial assistance is provided as per a laid down criteria, which takes into account the rural population, geo-hydrological conditions, number of not covered/partially covered habitations and water quality situation in the States/UTs. State Governments/UT Administrations can utilize upto 15% of the allocated funds for tackling water quality problems. The State Governments/UT Administrations are empowered to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply projects from the funds provided under ARWSP. Such project proposals for drinking water schemes do not require clearance from Central level. The amount allocated to various States under ARWSP (Normal) during the current financial year is given in the Statement.